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C Meeting with CAVATA/16

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Attached please find a self-explanatory Memorandum for the
Record describing a luncheon with CAVATA/16. Since C participated, we would appreciate its being shown to
him for any comments he may wish to make.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD



1 On 8 November 1968, CAVATA/16 came for lunch to house where he was met by [redacted] and the undersigned. After a few pleasantries had been exchanged, the conversations quickly turned to the various suicides, espionage cases and fugitive agents. CAVATA/16 was of the opinion that the press had highly exaggerated some of the cases and in others had engaged in wild speculations. He expressed the sentiment, however, which we have heard from numerous other German security officials, that this spy hysteria which was triggered by the Luedke suicide should have many beneficial ramifications. For one thing, the public as well as the government itself were made painfully aware of the jurisdictional disputes and overlapping, uncoordinated responsibilities of the various Federal and State security police and judicial organizations. CAVATA/16 stated that the state secretaries committee appointed to look into this matter, had come up with a strong recommendation that CAVATA be giving the overall responsibilities for conducting counter-espionage in the FRG, including operational control over the G-Abteilungen (CI sections) of the LfVs. CAVATA/16 was extremely confident that the newly established parliamentary committee, which will examine the conclusions and recommendations contained in the state secretaries report (see BONN 7853), and the FRG government will recommend the centralized handling of CE cases by CAVATA.

2. During lunch itself, CAVATA/16 said he had briefed the state secretaries committee and was very pleased with the favorable reactions of the committee members to his presentation, which of course also contained a plea for more money, personnel and authority - this definitely born out by the report contained in BONN 7853. In this context he had a few disparaging remarks to make about the ASBW

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(MAD) especially in regard to the Luedke and Mock cases. In this latter case he blamed the MAD for having mounted a clumsy surveillance which was detected by Mock's two contacts from the opposition who consequently fled to the East. He also mentioned that the MAD did not inform CAVATA about this case until much too late in the game. (It is interesting to note here that the MAD maintains steadfastly that the surveillance had been performed by the CAVATA surveillance team!) CAVATA/16 ended his discourse on this subject by expressing his great hope that the events of the past weeks will result in strict instructions to the MADs to coordinate with CAVATA any CE cases immediately at the inception of such cases.

3. Towards the end of the lunch, [] in low key, asked CAVATA/16 whether any more press releases are to be anticipated in the [] case, and if so whether necessary precautions could be taken to prevent any statements which could jeopardize the freedom of "our source." Without going into details. CAVATA/16 said he was happy with the results of the [] case (most probably a reference to the arrest of FRIEDA) and stated with confidence that he expects no further press releases in this case and that, furthermore, he would instruct his organization not to undertake anything which would jeopardize the security of "our source." The fact that he indeed did this was confirmed by (See BONN 7876, para 3).

4. After lunch, [] asked CAVATA/16's opinion on the newly formed DKP and what the founders of this new party really intended to achieve and whether this would mean the dissolution of the KPD. CAVATA/16 answered that the new DKP will endeavor to become the new legal communist party in the FRG in the hope that all the other small leftist parties, such as the DFU, would join its ranks. He stressed, however, that the illegal KPD will remain and will continue its illegal activities. In answer to a direct question, CAVATA/16 stated that CAVATA did have several weeks' advanced information to the effect that the founding caucus of a "new communist party" would be held in Frankfurt. He added, however, that this information stemmed from sources with undetermined reliability and, therefore, no dissemination was made. (This somewhat

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contradicts a statement by his deputy, [] who told the undersigned: "He [] told the government about the imminence of the communist's endeavor to found a new party two or three weeks before the Frankfurt caucus.) He promised to keep us informed of any new developments in this field.

5. The meeting ended by CAVATA/16 saying he hoped the undersigned would visit him the week after his return from London - CAVATA/16 had told us that he was paying a routine liaison visit to London from 18 to 20 November. He said that he would have been very happy to meet [] and was glad to have again seen []. We would appreciate this dispatch being brought to the attention of [] since he may wish to add a few impressions he gained during this luncheon.

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